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The Honorable Bill Ritter, Jr.
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Representative Michael Merrifield
Chairman of the House Education Committee

Senator Robert Bacon
Chairman of the Senate Education Committee

Senator Peter Groff
Senate President

Representative Terrance Carroll
Speaker of the House

Senator Josh Penry
Senate Minority Leader

Dear Sirs:

Senate Bill 08-212 calls for the legislature to receive periodic written updates documenting the progress on this project. The following constitutes the first such update.

We have also received a request from Senator Josh Penry seeking a written update of the steps CDE and DHE have taken to comply with the SB 08-212 timeline.

I am pleased to report that the attached materials support the claim that the Colorado Department of Education is on track for on-time completion of the goals specified in the bill.

Enclosed please find a brief narrative that documents accomplishments to date with respect to key deliverables. Also enclosed are supporting appendices, including a SB 08-212 action plan (see Appendix A) and 90 day calendar (see Appendix B).

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you on these initiatives to further the success of preschool through postsecondary students across Colorado.

Most sincerely,

Dwight D. Jones
Commissioner